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MENT (PG) OFFICIAL ON REFERENDUM,
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1. LEADING JAKARTA INDEPENDENT DAILY KOMPAS FEB. 13
CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH PG "DEPUTY GOVERNOR" FRANCISCO
XAVIER LOPES DA CRUZ, CURRENTLY IN JAKARTA FOR MEDICAL
TREATMENT. DA CRUZ QUOTED AS SAYING REFERENDUM TO DETER-
MINE PT FUTURE WOULD BE "NONSENSE" NOW THAT FRETILIN NO
LONGER HAS MILITARY OR POLITICAL POWER. DA CRUZ ALSO
SAID CONDITIONS IN PT STEADILY IMPROVING, AND PG HAD
"GREEN LIGHT" FROM JAKARTA TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM AND EDUCATION REFORM FEATURING INDONESIAN LANGUAGE
AND HISTORY STUDY AS WELL AS "CITIZENSHIP" COURSES.

2. ASKED ABOUT 23 PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS HELD CAPTIVE BY
PG, DA CRUZ REPORTEDLY STATED SOLDIERS WOULD BE RELEASED
TO GOP WHEN THREE CONDITIONS MET: 1) TWO SHIPS, TWO AIR-
CRAFT AND ONE HELICOPTER REMOVED FROM PT BY FLEEING GOP
AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE RETURNED; 2) FUNDS OF "UNTRA
MARINO" BANK IN DILI SHOULD LIKEWISE BE RETURNED AND GOP
SHOULD AGREE TO NATIONALIZATION OF BANK; AND 3) GOP
SHOULD AGREE TO FINANCE COMPLETION OF PREVIOUS ROAD
PROJECTS LINKING DILI WITH BAUCAU (TO EAST), SAME (TO
SOUTH) AND MALIANA (TO WEST). END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: DA CRUZ STATEMENT ON REFERENDUM IS LATEST
IN SERIES OF INDICATIONS THAT PG AND GOI INTEND TO
FINESSE REFERENDUM QUESTION UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
AS CONDITION FOR TRANSFER OF FORMAL SOVEREIGNTY BY GOP
OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PT-INDONESIA MERGER BY UN. UNCLEAR
WHETHER NEW CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY DA CRUZ FOR
PRISONER RELEASE ARE HIS PERSONAL IDEA OR OFFICIAL PG
POSITION. IF LATTER (WHICH POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF STRONG
ANTI-PORTUGUESE FEELING ON PART OF PG LEADERS), DEMANDS
ARE CLEARLY MAXIMALIST INITIAL BARGAINING POSITION --
GOI SOURCES HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED PRISONERS WOULD
PROBABLY BE RELEASED IN RETURN FOR GOP AGREEMENT TO
TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY. EXTENT OF GOI AWARENESS OR
INVOLVEMENT IN FORMULATION OF NEW DEMANDS ALSO UNCERTAIN --
STORY NOT YET CARRIED BY STATE NEWS AGENCY OR GOI-
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CONNECTED PRESS. NEVERTHELESS, UPPING OF ANTE BY PG
LIKELY TO EVEN FURTHER COMPLICATE
PG/GOI DEALINGS WITH GOP OVER SELF-DETERMINATION/SOVEREIGNTY/
PRISONERS QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH UN ENVOY WINSPEARE
GUICCIARDI CURRENTLY IN LISBON FOR FOLLOW-UP TALKS WITH
GOP IN WHICH ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS PRISONER ISSUE WILL
BE MAJOR TOPIC.
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